

## AGENDA

### Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre

**Mission:** *Disciples of Christ, nurturing mind, body, and soul to the fullness of life.*

**Vision:** *Changing the world through Catholic education.*

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# OPENING PRAYER

Mother of Creation,  
look upon us we pray,  
so, we may come to see God's earthly  
garden  
through the radiant light of wisdom.  
Holy Mary, Mother of all,  
make us worthy we pray,  
to treasure the earth our common home,  
and show us the blessed fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.  
Amen





# Land Acknowledgement

We are here to pay respect and recognize that this is the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, and we are here because this land was occupied. In recognizing that this space occupies colonized First Nations territories, and out of respect for the rights of Indigenous people, it is our collective responsibility to recognize our colonial histories and present-day implications and honour, protect and sustain this land.



## MINUTES

### Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Attendees:	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee - Chair
	Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi	Alternate Trustee
	Dely Farrace	Brampton Caledon Community Living - Vice Chair - Representative
	Caroline Huxtable	Epilepsy South Central Ontario - Representative
	Christine Koczmar	Community Living Mississauga - Representative
	Eva Akinsara	Down Syndrome Association of Peel - Representative
	Janice Hatton	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Representative
	Myra Del Rosario	ABC Association for Bright Children - Representative
	Sheena Tennessee	Member at Large, Central Committee for Catholic School Councils
Regrets:	Luz del Rosario	Alternate Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Alternate Trustee
	Airene Cunanan	Autism Ontario, Peel Chapter - Alternative
	Lisa Papaloni	Learning Disabilities Association of Peel Region - Representative
	Pam Boniferro	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers' Association - Alternative
	Shanna Walsh	Down Syndrome Assoc. of Peel: Caring Network - Alternative
Staff:	Alexandra Lawrence	Coordinator, Special Education and Learning Services
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent Representative
	Cristine Pergotski	Association of Professional Student Services Personnel
	Eliane Moniz-Baptista	Coordinator, Special Education and Learning Services
	Gina Renda	Secondary Principal/VP Representative
	Katherine Cordi	Consultant, Special Education
	Katherine Magee	Executive Assistant, Special Education and Learning Services - Recorder
	Kristie Boily	Consultant, Special Education and Learning Services
	Laura Pincente	Coordinator, Secondary Transitions and Diverse Learners
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Ruba Jeorgy	Dufferin-Peel Educational Resource Workers Association - Representative
	Sandra Roiati	OECTA Secondary - Representative
	Sharon Chambers	Principal, Vice Principal Association, Elementary
	Teresa Abbruscato	Consultant, Special Education
	C. Wigglesworth	Senior Child and Youth Care Practitioner
	J. Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent of Finance, CEO and Treasurer
	S. Keys	Superintendent, Finance
	C. Salemi	General Manager, Finance
	D. Santucci	Supervisor, Grants and Revenues
	G. Arangio	Manager, Budget

**A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair of SEAC, Bruno Iannicca, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Opening Prayer - C. Koczmaro
3. Land Acknowledgment - T. Abbruscato
4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by** Myra Del Rosario

**THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, March 19, 2025

**Moved by** Caroline Huxtable

**THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 19, 2025, BE APPROVED.**

**CARRIED**

6. Previous Business - Nil

**B. Presentations and Staff Reports**

1. Financial Services Presentation: J. Cherepacha; S. Keys, C. Salemi, G. Arangio, D. Santucci

Trustee Bruno Iannicca welcomed the finance team to present. J. Cherepacha, Executive Superintendent of Finance, CEO and Treasurer began the presentation discussing the Budget Development Schedule and Core Education Funding Components. Following, C. Salemi, General Manager, Finance, highlighted the Special Education Funds. S. Keys, Superintendent of Finance, detailed the Five-Year Financials, including enrolment and the deficit caused by LTD. C. Salemi continued with the Special Education Envelope detailed reports. G. Arangio discussed the grants and expenditures for Special Education. Lastly, J. Cherepacha mentioned the challenges for 2025/26.

Following the presentation, future plans for LTD were discussed, as well as the overspending in Special Education in most boards, SEA technology costs and staffing costs.

2. Child and Youth Care Practitioners: C. Wigglesworth

Superintendent Papaloni welcomed C. Wigglesworth, Senior CYCP. C. Wigglesworth explained the role of the CYCP, including individual, group and classroom programs to help students thrive. They support students with Autism, learning disabilities, behavioural issues, developmental disabilities and other exceptionalities, as well as students without identified needs. They provide transition support through all phases of their education. Access to external services is supported. Over 6,000 students receive support through Child and Youth Care Practitioners every year.

Following the presentation, the committee members were told that there are 117 CYCP in our board. There are no wait lists for this service. The CYCPs are assigned to each Family of Schools and assist where needed.

3. Updates on Parent Reaching Out Grant Community Supports Event and Employment Supports Fair: T. Abbruscato

Superintendent Papaloni introduced T. Abbruscato, Consultant, Special Education, to present the PROGrants. T. Abbruscato updated the committee on the last Parent Reaching Out Grant, Community Supports, which was on Wednesday, March 26th. The event was successful in providing families with information on community supports, including summary handouts.

She discussed the upcoming PROGrant that the Special Education Department will be hosting, the Employment Supports Resource Fair on Wednesday, May 28th. This event supports students with an IEP. There will be community agencies present to answer questions and share information.

**C. Budget - Nil**

**D. Reports from Trustees for Receipt**

Trustee Bruno Iannicca shared information from Trustee Luz del Rosario. He mentioned the April 28th election, indicating that many Dufferin-Peel schools will be utilized to run the elections. He discussed the CCCC School Climate Survey which was released to students, families and staff to comply with Ministry of Education requirements. The Peel Regional Police will be giving presentations on current issues on April 30th and May 29th. Peel Public Health will be hosting a presentation on vaping challenges. SMHO is offering a free webinar to help parents/caregivers with substance use addiction. Trustee Bruno Iannicca asked the organizations how we can get more of this information to the parents. He asked the committee members for their help and, if they had suggestions, to email Katherine Magee. Lastly, Trustee Bruno Iannicca provided an update on the LTD issue, with future plans for a resolution.

Following these reports, it was discussed that the committee forward presentations to their organizations. Suggestions were given to send out flyers much earlier to allow parents to make arrangements to attend, and to record sessions to allow parents to view the material at their convenience.

**E. Information/Reports from Community Associations**

C. Koczmar discussed the Community Living report Crisis in the Classroom. She asked for this issue to be discussed at the next SEAC meeting.

**F. Information and Correspondence - Nil**

**G. Communication - Nil**

**H. Questions Asked by Committee Members**

A question was asked about the protocol for families that are asked to pick up a child due to behaviour. Also, the procedure regarding requesting accessibility in schools.

**I. Future Meetings**

May 21, 2025

June 11, 2025

**J. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Myra Del Rosario

**THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:32P.M.**

**CARRIED**